

OPINION 1755***Podisus* Herrich-Schaeffer, 1851 (Insecta, Heteroptera): *P. vittipennis* Herrich-Schaeffer, 1851 designated as the type species****Ruling**

(1) Under the plenary powers all previous fixations of type species for the nominal genus *Podisus* Herrich-Schaeffer, 1851 are hereby set aside and *Podisus vittipennis* Herrich-Schaeffer, 1851 is designated as the type species.

(2) The name *Podisus* Herrich-Schaeffer, 1851 (gender: masculine), type species by designation under the plenary powers in (1) above *Podisus vittipennis* Herrich-Schaeffer, 1851, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology.

(3) The name *vittipennis* Herrich-Schaeffer, 1851, as published in the binomen *Podisus vittipennis* (specific name of the type species of *Podisus* Herrich-Schaeffer, 1851), is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.

History of Case 2828

An application for the designation of *Podisus vittipennis* Herrich-Schaeffer, 1851 as the type species of *Podisus* Herrich-Schaeffer, 1851 was received from Dr D.B. Thomas (*USDA-ARS Subtropical Agricultural Research Station, Westlaco, Texas, U.S.A.*) and Mr W.R. Dolling (*The Natural History Museum, London, U.K.*) on 29 July 1991. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 49: 191–193 (September 1992). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals.

It was noted on the voting paper that the 20 additional references held by the Commission Secretariat (para. 7 of the application) which demonstrate usage of the name *Podisus* were all published since 1984. Dr Thomas noted (in litt., August 1991) 'I could easily provide 40 references all published since the compendium on *Podisus maculiventris* by McPherson (1980)'.

Decision of the Commission

On 1 September 1993 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 49: 192. At the close of the voting period on 1 December 1993 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 27: Bayer, Bock, Cocks, Cogger, Corliss, Dupuis, Hahn, Halvorsen, Heppell, Holthuis, Kabata, Kraus, Lehtinen, Macpherson, Mahnert, Martins de Souza, Minelli, Nielsen, Nye, Ride, Savage, Schuster, Starobogatov, Štys, Thompson, Trjapitzin, Willink

Negative votes — 1: Bouchet.

No vote was received from Uéno.

Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on Official Lists by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

Podisus Herrich-Schaeffer, 1851, in: *Die wanzenartigen Insecten*, vol. 9, part 6, p. 296.

vittipennis, *Podisus*, Herrich-Schaeffer, 1851, in: *Die wanzenartigen Insecten*, vol. 9, part 6, p. 339.